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## Cycles in Earth's History.

Among the most popular of Prof. Tyndall's descriptions is his history of a drop of water. He traces it as it is lifted by the sun's heat from the surface of the sea; carried aloft as an invisible vapor; wafted over the land; cooled by and precipitated upon some mountain peak, possibly in the snow and ice of a glacier, or perhaps sinking below the surface as rain, and reappearing in the spring that bubbles up in a valley; and at last, through rill and rivulet and river, finding its way back to ocean again. Something like this has been done for other substances than water, by Prof. Pumpelly, in a discourse before the National Academy of Sciences. It has long been recognized that all the materials of which the earth is formed, are in course of being gradually washed into the sea. Modern discovery has thrown much light on the processes by which they are transformed into the rocks and minerals of good dry land again. The cycle of these changes is, of course, enormously greater than that which Prof. Tyndall described. It requires eras of time in which mountains must wear away and ocean floors rise to the surface; compared with which the whole known history of the human race is an affair of yesterday. But though so slow, it is continuous, and is going on at this hour all over the globe, just as it has been ever since there was any land lifted above the waters. It is the excellent study of science, Mrs. Mary Somerville, was still living, she might add a notable chapter to her instances of the connection of the physical sciences. The geologist, dealing with the formation of dead matter—rocks and stones and dry land—is suddenly furnished with answers to his problems by students of natural history, who are busy with animals and plants living in the sea. The chemist, too, has helped largely in the research; it would have been impossible to get the facts of the story without their aid. They have found in the ashes of sea plants and animals, not only the alkaline earths, but the heavy metals, lead, copper, zinc, iron, and even silver. These were secreted by the vital processes. Eventually, when the plants and animals are dead, they fall on the ocean's floor. The naturalists have ascertained, to some extent, what vast quantities of these plants and animals are concentrated in quiet eddies off the edges of ocean currents. In some future age, when the sea bottom of those localities shall have become hard rock and dry land, another Comstock lode may be found where the precious metals have thus been slowly garnered from the sea. One of the most curious results of these investigations is the theory that man's work in mining and burning coal, so far from deranging the scheme of nature, will help in the preservation of life upon earth. It appears that carbon is, when deposited in the form of coal, too slowly soluble by the winds and rain to be restored in time to the air and sea. In the course of untold ages since the first cruetaceous seas were formed, this carbon had been quietly tucked away underground. The plants of the sea and land were beginning to need it. The only way to bring the carbon to the plants is to convert it into carbonic acid, and spread that in the air, where forest leaves can decompose it, or rain drops can carry it down to the weeds of the sea. Man digging the coal from the mine, and burning it under steam boilers and on the domestic hearth, is really restoring the lost balance to nature's work. The coilers of England and Pennsylvania are helping to prolong the existence of every creature on the globe. It is a very comforting doctrine to the apostle of labor, however it may stand the further tests of science.

## What the Troops Will Do in the South.

Many members of Congress made a strenuous opposition to the bill authorizing the enlistment of twenty-five hundred additional cavalrymen to serve against the Indians. The ground of opposition was that there are abundant troops in the South that might be employed against the Indians. Even without any minute investigation this allegation would seem to be well founded. It is preposterous and incredible that with an army of twenty-five thousand men the government cannot muster a force of more than three or four thousand for active service in an emergency. Five regiments might be spared from the military posts in the South to reinforce Crook and Terry in their campaign against the Sioux. There is, of course, no reason why these troops should not be kept in the South for precautionary purposes so long as there is no employment for them elsewhere; but it is a wasteful absurdity to maintain idle soldiers in the South while we are prosecuting an active campaign against the Indians with an insufficient force. The State militia should be adequate for every emergency in the South, or if the militia of any particular State is not adequate, it should be put down a riot, and federal assistance should be needed, it is lawful for the President to call out the militia of the States whose loyalty and fidelity could be safely trusted.

The order from Secretary Cameron to Gen. Sherman shows that the administration has had a very definite use to make of these troops all the time, and we at once see why Crook and Terry have been deliberately left without the adequate support. It is expected that the five regiments will carry four of the Southern States, by whipping the negroes into line who have either become listless in politics or wandered off to the democracy, and by terrifying the "fanatical" white liners into submission. By keeping the outrage mill slowly grinding, and sending platoons of cavalry hither and thither, it is evidently hoped to revive the bitterness which has been rapidly disappearing between the races in most parts of the South. We wish to see all citizens protected in their rights, but this turning of the army of the United States into bands of drummers for the negro vote is pushing partisanship so far that it would be grotesque if it were not infamous. This is doubtless the work to which General Sherman referred when he said the "highest authority must answer why the troops could not be spared to fight the Sioux. The desperation of a move which dares to saddle the country with the expense of extra soldiers while keeping nearly four thousand idle for political purposes is apparent, and adds another stigma to the rule of the party in whose name and for whose aid it is unblushingly done.—New York Herald.

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